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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

## In the Claims

Please add new claims 64-93.

- 64. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein  $R_N$  is
  - (I)  $R_{N-1}$ - $X_N$  where  $X_N$  is:
    - (A) -CO-,
    - $(B) -SO_2-,$
    - (C) -(CR'R")<sub>1-6</sub> where R' and R" are the same or different and are -H or

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,

(D) –CO-(CR'R")<sub>1-6</sub>- $X_{N-1}$  where  $X_{N-1}$  is –O-, -S- and –NR'R"- and where R' and R" are as defined above,

(E) a single bond;

where R<sub>N-1</sub> is:

